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Subject: Oppose current Microsoft settlement

Hello.

I am writing to let you know of my strong opposition to the proposed settlement mediated between DOJ and Microsoft. I have followed Microsoft's behavior for many years, and I continue to be amazed at conduct which can only be described as amoral. I am particularly surprised that the proposed settlement seems to leave Microsoft unpunished for its continuing flaunting of the law.

Of course, punishment for past lawbreaking is less important than corrective action, and it seems to me that this settlement leaves Microsoft in a position to continue its monopolistic practices exactly as before. I support the nine Governors' proposal, although I think that even they have paid too little attention to the bundling problem -- by which I mean not only the practice of forcing consumers to pay for options they don't want, but the added insult of forcing them to load those options on their computers.

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